



# Initiating Renewal

## Point


- 1 How did Nehemiah *react* when he heard about the poor conditions of the people in Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_

 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. ***Nehemiah 1:3 (KJV)***

 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, ***Nehemiah 1:4 (KJV)***


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- 2 Circle a *key* component of Nehemiah's prayer.

 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. ***Nehemiah 1:6 (KJV)***


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- 3 What was Nehemiah's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer. ***Nehemiah 1:11 (KJV)***

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4 Was Nehemiah's trip to Jerusalem a *permanent* or *temporary* assignment? \_\_\_\_\_

 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.  
**Nehemiah 2:6 (KJV)**

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5 Give the names of (2) people who were opposed to Nehemiah's mission.


a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_


 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.  
**Nehemiah 2:10 (KJV)**

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6 Nehemiah realized that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are  
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essential parts of \_\_\_\_\_ for doing God's work.  
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 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. **Nehemiah 2:11 (KJV)**


 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.  
**Nehemiah 2:12 (KJV)**

 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.  
**Nehemiah 2:13 (KJV)**

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- 7 What do you think Nehemiah did when the donkey that he was riding on could not get through the tight places of the rubbish?
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 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass.  
**Nehemiah 2:14 (KJV)**

 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.  
**Nehemiah 2:15 (KJV)**

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- 8 Why do you think Nehemiah did not *initially* tell the people about God's plans to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem?
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 And the **rulers** knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told *it* to the **Jews**, nor to the **priests**, nor to the **nobles**, nor to the **rulers**, nor to the rest that did the work.  
**Nehemiah 2:16 (KJV)**

 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. **Nehemiah 2:17 (KJV)**


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- 9 List the *support* that Nehemiah had for this mission.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_


 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for *this good work*. **Nehemiah 2:18 (KJV)**


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**10** How did Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem attempt to discourage the Jews' plan to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?  
***Nehemiah 2:19 (KJV)***

 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.  
***Nehemiah 2:20 (KJV)***



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